

**HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 1, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Hulmeville Borough Council was held on the above date at the Borough Hall, 321 Main Street.

**Councilmember's Present**

Thomas Wheeler, President  
Debbie Mahon, Vice President  
Mallory Menta  
Dale Walton Jr.  
Judy Coleman  
Nick Lodise  
Dan Mandolesi

**Staff in Attendance**

Solicitor Robert DeBias  
Authority Chair Jim Clark  
Secretary Dorothy Omietanski  
Treasurer Diane McKairnes  
Police Chief Bob Juno  
Mayor Dave Harris

**Councilmember's Absent:** none

**Staff Absent:** Water & Sewer Clerk Pat Slater and Fire Marshal Bill Wheeler

**Guests in Attendance:** Ken Lynn, Doug Harris, Carla Helbling, Chris Steward, Eric Schmitt, Joe Nocito, Minnie Nocito, Ron Robbins, Joanne Dickenson, and Sheri Wheeler

**Call to Order:** Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:43pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:**

**Motion made by Ms. Mahon seconded by Ms. Coleman to approve the minutes of April 4 and 18, 2017; Motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.**

**Public Comment:**

- Black Property – Doug Harris came to the meeting to get an update on the proposed construction of the Black property. Mr. Wheeler explained that the plans that Mar Mar left with council are just a sketch drawing. Mar Mar's next step will be to submit preliminary plans. Once the preliminary plans are drafted it will be very costly to make any changes. Now is the time to make suggestions, and give them direction as to where people would like to see the entrance or anything else. Mr. Walton asked Doug Harris where he would like to see the entrance placed. Doug is hoping they could at least utilize the road that already existed, which is owned by the Black family. Mr. Lodise feels that maybe there should be more than one entrance, which might cut down on traffic going to one location. He feels a second entrance could be between Lincoln and Washington. Ms. Coleman pointed out that that placing a road on Lincoln and Washington would affect the

wooded area designated for open space. Another suggestion was made to purchase houses along Main Street. Mr. Wheeler stressed to everyone that there is a limited amount of time to make suggestions before Mar Mar will proceed with the preliminary plans. Mr. Walton suggested we invite Mar Mar to the work session and invite the community to attend and have an open forum to discuss all concerns and try to reach a consensus.

**Motion made by Mr. Walton seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to table the discussion regarding the development of the Black property until the May 16<sup>th</sup> work session when Mar Mar can be present; Motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.**

- Water Concerns – Ken Lynn a resident of 3 Michelle Court would like to bring to council's attention an ongoing water issue on Michelle Court. Five years ago, Mr. Lynn came to council to report a water issue, which was minor at the time, but now it is a very big concern. The issue stems from two pipes that run under Hopewell Lane. The pipes come from the property of 5 Hopewell. The pipes were supposed to empty into the Neshaminy Creek; however they dump water into Mr. Lynn's back yard then into the borough storm water system. He has lost trees to root rot because the ground is so over saturated with water. Mr. Lynn feels the water issue has gradually gotten worse because the owners of 5 Hopewell have doubled their impervious surface by adding a pool, patio and cement driveway. The original plans show a seepage pit and with the increase in impervious surface it cannot handle the added water. Mr. Lynn did write to the zoning officer regarding this matter, and has not heard back from her yet. One of the pipes was there since before Mr. Lynn moved in, however a second pipe was added at some point after he moved in. Mr. Wheeler did confirm that Ms. Juno did call him regarding this issue. Ms. Mahon also stated that this water issue is concerning and does need to be rectified. Mr. Wheeler suggested that he schedule a meeting with Ms. Juno and Ms. Mahon to discuss what needs to be done to resolve this matter.

#### **Police Report:**

- Mayor Harris read the report for the month of April 2017: 14 Incidents, 20 Traffic, 2 Parking, 1 Accidents, 3 Assists, 0 Summary, 0 Criminal, 16 District Court, 0 County Court, 0 EMS for total hours worked: 222, Total Salary \$5,006.00.
- Executive Meeting – An issue arose in the police committee meeting that needs to be discussed in an executive meeting.
- Block Party Requests – Two requests for street closures for block parties came in to Chief Juno. Both parties are in July one on McCarthy Drive and the other on Michelle Court.
- Newsletter – Chief Juno is requesting that Ms. Mahon mention in her next newsletter that if residents see anything suspicious they should not report it to someone on council, but call the police right away. For non-emergency issues, they should call 215-945-1300 or the Hulmeville Police at 215-757-1700.

- Speeding on Main Street – During the hours of 6am-8am and 4pm – 6pm cars, trucks and school buses all travel well over the speed limit. Mayor Harris suggested Chief Juno price a solar speed tracking sign for Main Street.

### **Water and Sewer:**

- Invoices – Mr. Clark submitted invoices from Carroll Engineering for I & I investigation
- Update to Neshaminy Interceptor Connection Management Plan – Mr. Clark sent a letter requesting 50 EDU connections be added to the 2016 schedule and 35 EDU connections be added to the 2017 plan.
- Meter Replacement Program – The meter replacement program is targeting broken meters first then meters that Ms. Wheeler cannot access. Anyone who refuse to have their meter replaced will eventually receive a letter from BCWSA stating that their water will be shut off if they do not allow the installation of a new meter.

### **MS4:**

- Working on the Spring 2017 newsletter
- MS4 and the Turnpike Commission – Ms. Mahon received a letter from the turnpike commission asking her to contact them regarding MS4. She will make a call to the Turnpike Commission and follow up on the letter she received.

### **TMDL:**

- TMDL No1: encourage riparian forest buffers for all residents along the creek
- TMDL No 2: conduct site inspections to encourage down spout disconnect
- TMDL No 3: install at least 3 trees (evergreen or deciduous) over the next year – note the trees must be 4 - 1/2 feet tall with a 2 - 1/2-inch trunk.
- TMDL No 4: for future borough owned property, look into infiltration measures
- TMDL No 5: modify basins for increased infiltration reduction
- TMDL No 7: install 4 rain barrels over the next year and encourage home owners to do the same
- TMDL No 8: additional provisions:
  1. Complete 2 street sweepings over the next year
  2. Possibly install 5 inlet filters over the next year
  3. Schedule storm drain cleaning of 17 drains over the next year. Ms. Mahon has been in contact with John Butler from BCWSA to try to get together mapping information. Need to approve money to be spent \$140.00 per hour and they can clean approximately 2 drains per hour.
  4. Continue with the 4 leaf pickups through the fall/winter season
- Sump Pump inspections information is being reviewed by the zoning committee.

### **Floodplain:**

- April 18<sup>th</sup> Training – The April 18th work session/water meeting went well. The attendance was recorded on the April 18<sup>th</sup> minutes. There will be a follow up date for all borough employees who still need to receive the 2017 training.

### **Storm Water:**

- Newsletter – Ms. Mahon is currently working on the spring 2017 newsletter.
- Reimbursement request for color print cartridges: \$ 59.86 for work session meeting and earth day event supplies.

**Motion made by Mr. Walton seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to reimburse Ms. Mahon for \$59.86 for supplies she needed for the MS4 training and Earth Day event; Motion passed 6-0-1 (Ms. Mahon abstaining).**

- Earth Day Event – The Earth Day event went well. Ms. Mahon had several volunteers come to assist her. There were no residents from Hulmeville in attendance this year.
- Flood Insurance – Another resident of Hulmeville received a letter stating that their insurance is increasing from \$749 to \$1,250 because FEMA has them listed in a high-risk area. These issues need to be resolved by the homeowner.
- Solar Panels – Ms. Mahon is concerned with residents who may install ground solar panels. There are no storm water control measures on them for water runoff and she is concerned that this may become an issue in the future.
- Junior Council Member – Ms. Mahon would like to propose that council consider providing the youth an opportunity to become a junior council member. It would be for a six-month term and would need to be a high school age child. She would like to add this in the newsletter.

**Borough Property:** no report

### **Trash:**

- Collection Issue – There was a small issue with trash not being collected on Water Street. Mr. Lodise was able to quickly resolve it by taking to the trash men who were on the route. Mr. Lodise also wanted to inform council that Dominic is no longer his contact at Republic. He will forward the new contact information to Ms. Omietanski, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. DeBias.
- Recycle Bins – Ms. Mahon asked Mr. Lodise if Republic provides recycle bins for sale to the residents. She has noticed blue bins in Pennndel and would like to purchase one if they offer them for retail. Mr. Lodise will ask Republic.

**Streets:**

- Culverts – Mr. Lodise finally received a letter from the Department of Transportation regarding repairing the culverts. PENNDOT will clean and flush out the two culverts and connecting pipes on Main Street. They will rebuild the inlets and remove and dispose of all existing materials for an estimated cost of \$5,000. Mr. Wheeler asked Ms. Mahon if she could see if this work could be completed through BCWSA. Highway Aid can be used to pay for the repairs.
- Borough Parking Lot – Mr. Lodise is still working on collecting three bids for repairs and maintenance on the parking lot. He should definitely have two bids soon. There are cracks that need to be filled, the lot needs a seal coat, paint lines, and a sink hole needs some attention.
- Water Issue at Bellevue and McCarthy – There is water pooling at the corner of Bellevue and McCarthy. BCWSA will need to be contacted to look into the issue.

**Lights:** There is one light on Main Street across from Borough Hall that keeps going out intermittently.

**Personnel:** no report

**Finance:** no report

**Zoning:** Mr. Mandolesi read Ms. Juno's zoning report for April 2017. Ms. Juno had email correspondences with Scott Kaczor a realtor for Johnson Hall, Denise Smith of 3 Hulme Ave. requesting zoning information, Ms. Mahon requesting zoning updates for rental, residential and floodplain review, and Ken Lynn of 3 Michelle Court regarding long standing storm water issues. Ms. Juno also attended the April 18 work session at William Penn Fire Company.

**Fire Marshal:**

- NIMS Training Reminder – The training is set for May 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00. Everyone on council is registered.

**Solicitor Report:**

- Mar Mar Builders – Mr. DeBias will contact Mar Mar builder's lawyer and invite them to attend the May work session.

**Mayor:** no report

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report of May 1, 2017 was made available for inspection:

- **General Fund Checking** Balance as of April 1, 2017: \$ 41,569.66  
Expenses Totaled: \$ -23,404.16

	Income Totaled:	\$ 21,250.61
	General Fund Checking Balance as of April 30, 2017:	\$ 39,415.66
•	<b>Sewer Fund Checking</b> Balance as of April 1, 2017:	\$ 63,569.94
	Interest Totaled:	\$ 2.56
	Expenses Totaled:	\$ -25,145.33
	Income Totaled:	\$ 32,254.83
	Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of April 30, 2017:	\$ 70,679.44
•	<b>Sewer Fund PLGIT</b> Balance as of March 1, 2017:	\$ 412,160.17
	Interest	\$ 167.61
	Deposit	\$ 0
	Expense	\$ - 0
	Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of March 31, 2017:	\$ 412,327.78
•	<b>Highway Aid PLGIT</b> Balance as of March 1, 2017:	\$ 33,383.00
	Interest	\$ 22.81
	Deposit	\$ 25,316.36
	Expenses	\$ 3,531.98
	Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of March 31, 2017:	\$ 55,191.19
•	<b>General Fund PLGIT</b> Balance as of March 1, 2017:	\$ 54,981.73
	Interest	\$ 22.36
	Deposits	\$ 0
	Expenses Total:	\$ 0
	General Fund PLGIT Balance as of March 31, 2017:	\$ 54,981.73

**Bills:** A copy of the bill list dated May 1, 2017 was provided to Council, and offered for review by the public. Ms. McKairnes added six bills: Debbie Mahon \$59.86, Pickering Corts Summerson \$172.50, Anna Mitchell \$81.91, Carroll Engineers Corp \$2,687.25 and \$690 and MJ Reider Assoc \$130.

•	<b>General Fund</b> beginning balance as of April 28, 2017:	\$ 47,165.70
	ending balance as of May 1, 2017:	\$ 25,439.20
•	<b>Sewer &amp; Water</b> beginning balance as of April 28, 2017:	\$ 71,317.18
	ending balance as of May 1, 2017:	\$ 45,520.97
•	<b>Highway Aid</b> beginning balance as of May 1, 2017:	\$ 47,087.30
	ending balance as of May 1, 2017:	\$ 47,073.04

**A motion made by Mr. Walton seconded by Mr. Lodise, and carried unanimously to approve the bill list dated May 1, 2017; motion carries 7-0-0.**

**Correspondence:** none

**Old Business:**

- Johnson Hall – Mr. Wheeler wanted to inform council that he as well as others have received numerous calls from the prospective buyers of Johnson Hall. The buyers were pushing to have items approved by May 1<sup>st</sup> and Mr. Wheeler made it very clear to them that they needed to get a six-month extension to be able to work through the issues. Mr. Wheeler met with them and clearly outlined what they needed to do.
- Hulmeville Soccer Club – The club sent their certificate of liability insurance and a \$200 donation. Mr. DeBias requested that Ms. Omietanski contact the club regarding their certificate; a correction to the certificate needs to be made.
- Hulmeville Historical Society – Ms. Mahon requested updated information for the newsletter. Lorelei Back is the new contact and her number is 267-394-0259. The new president is Eric Schmitt.
- Pavilion - Mr. Wheeler informed council that the grant for the pavilion has been approved. Mr. Wheeler will turn it over to the Historical Society to select the style of structure they want and the placement of it. Ms. Mahon told Mr. Schmitt that the garden club will donate two trees one commemorating the Reetz family the other commemorating the Black family.
- Fee Schedule – Ms. Mahon will email council the revised fee schedule and flood plain permit. Council will need to approve these items at the work session.

Note a 10-minute recess and then council moved to an executive meeting.

**Motion made by Ms. Menta seconded by Mr. Walton to accept Chief Juno's request to have a young man complete community service hours at the police department. All work must be done under supervision of an officer; Motion passed with all in favor 7-0--0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 pm; motion made by Mr. Walton seconded by Mr. Lodise.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,  
Hulmeville Borough Secretary